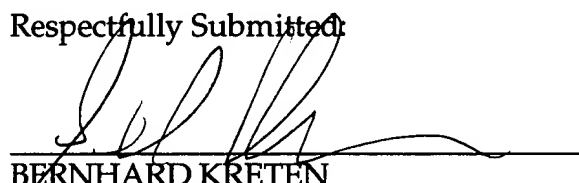


Please note the request for a personal interview included herewith and duplicative of the July 12 request. Undersigned believes an interview shall resolve all issues. Please respond so that a trip to Washington, D.C. can be planned.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass this case to issue. If, upon further consideration, the Examiner believes further issues remain outstanding or new ones have been generated, undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call undersigned to expeditiously resolve same.

Dated: September 11, 2002

Respectfully Submitted



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